

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprising structural units originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) and originated from one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2), the said random copolymer having characteristic features comprising:

a content of the structural unit(s) originated from the said one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the range of 93 to 70 mole %,

a content of the structural units originated from the said one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2) in the range of 7 to 30 mole %,

an intrinsic viscosity  $[\eta]$ , determined in ~~decalin~~ decahydronaphthalene at 135°C, in the range of 0.01 to 20 dl/g,

a glass transition temperature (Tg) of ~~not higher than 40°C~~ -30°C to +40°C, and

an iodine value in the range of 50 to 150.

2. (Currently Amended) A random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprising structural units originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1), originated

from one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2) and originated from one or more non-conjugated linear polyenes (A3), the said random copolymer having characteristic features comprising:

a content of the structural unit(s) originated from the said one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the range of 97.9 to 55 mole %,

a content of the structural unit originated from the said one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2) in the range of 2 to 30 mole %,

a content of the structural unit originated from the said one or more non-conjugated linear polyenes (A3) in the range from 0.1 to 15 mole %,

an intrinsic viscosity  $[\eta]$ , determined in ~~decalin~~ decahydronaphthalene at 135°C, in the range of 0.01 to 20 dl/g,

a glass transition temperature (Tg) of ~~not higher than 40°C~~ -30°C to +40°C, and

an iodine value in the range of 5 to 150.

3. (Original) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene in which the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range from 100/0 to 1/99.

4. (Original) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene in which the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range from 100/0 to 50/50.

Claims 5-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A rubber composition comprising

- (A) a random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprising structural units originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) and originated from one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyene (A2), the said random copolymer having characteristic features comprising:  
 a content of the structural unit(s) originated from ~~te~~ the said one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the range of 93 to 70 mole %; a content of the structural unit originated from the said one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2) in the range of 7 to 30 mole %; an intrinsic viscosity  $[\eta]$ , determined in ~~decalin~~ decahydronaphthalene at 135°C, in the range of 0.01 to 20 dl/g; a glass transition temperature (TG) of ~~not higher than 40°C~~ -30°C to +40°C; and an iodine value in the range of 50 to 150, and
- (B) a rubber based on diene,

wherein the weight proportion of (the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene) versus (the rubber based on diene), namely, (A/(B), is in the range of 60/40 to 0.1/99.9.

8. (Currently Amended) A rubber composition comprising:

- (A) a random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprising structural units originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) and originated from one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2) and originated from one or more non-conjugated linear polyene (A3), the said random copolymer having characteristic features comprising:
- a content of the structural unit(s) originated from the said one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the range of 97.9 to 55 mole %; a content of the structural unit originated from the said one or more non-conjugated cyclic polyenes (A2) in the range of 2 to 30 mole %; a content of the structural unit originated from the said one or more non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) in the range of 0.1 to 15 mole %; an intrinsic viscosity  $[\eta]$ , determined in ~~decalin~~ decahydronaphthalene at 135°C, in the range of 0.01 to 20 dl/g; a glass transition temperature (Tg) of ~~not higher than 40°C~~ -30°C to +40°C; and an iodine value in the range of 5 to 150, and
- (B) a rubber based on diene,

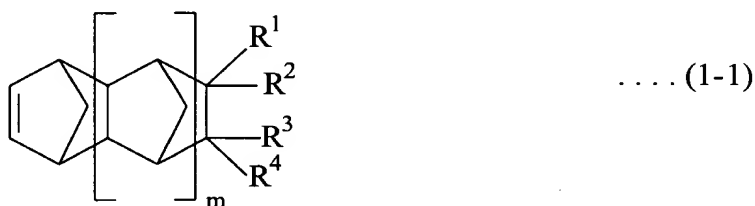
wherein the weight proportion of (the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene) versus (the rubber based on diene), namely, (A)/(B), is in the range from 60/40 to 0.1/99.9.

9. (Original) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 7 or 8, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene, wherein the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range from 100/0 to 1/99.

10. (Original) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 7 or 8, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene, wherein the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range from 100/0 to 50/50.

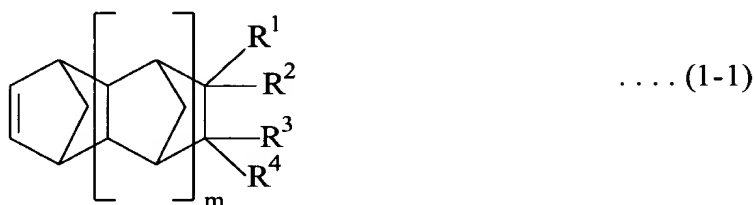
Claims 11-16 (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-conjugated cyclic polyene (A2) is that represented by the formula (1-1) given below:



in which  $m$  is an integer of 0 to 2,  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  denote each, independently of each other, an atom or a residue selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon residues which may have double bond, wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  may be fused together to form a mono- or polycyclic ring which may have double bond or wherein an alkylidene radical may be formed from the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  or, further  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  may be fused together so as to form a double bond, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  stands for an unsaturated hydrocarbon residue having at least one double bond, in case the mono- or polycyclic ring formed from  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  by being fused together has no double bond, in case the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  does not form an alkylidene radical and in case  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  are not fused together to form an endocyclic bond.

18. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the non-conjugated cyclic polyene (A2) is that represented by the formula (1-1) given below:



in which  $m$  is an integer of 0 to 2,  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  denote each, independently of each other, an atom or a residue selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon residues which may have double bond, wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  may be fused together to form a mono- or polycyclic ring which may have double bond or wherein an alkylidene radical may be formed from the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  or, further,  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  may be fused together so as to form a double bond, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  stands for an unsaturated hydrocarbon residue having at least one double bond, in case the mono- or polycyclic ring formed from  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  by being fused together has no double bond, in case the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  does not form an alkylidene radical and in case  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  are not fused together to form an endocyclic double bond.

19. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 17, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) comprise at least a

structural unit originated from ethylene in which the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 1/99.

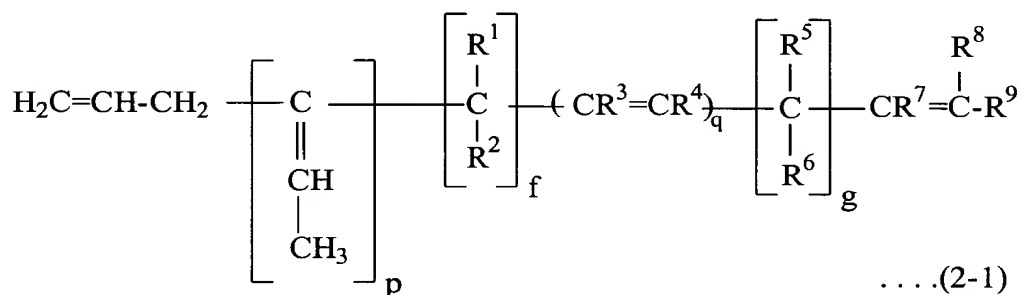
20. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 18, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene in which the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 1/99.

21. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 17, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene in which the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 50/50.

22. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 18, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene in which the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 50/50.

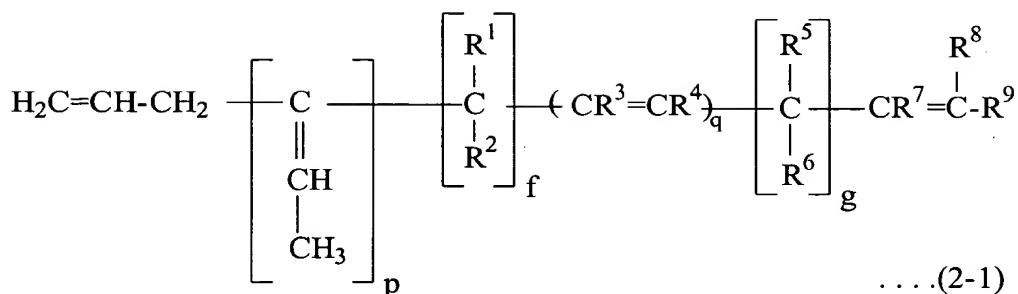


23. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



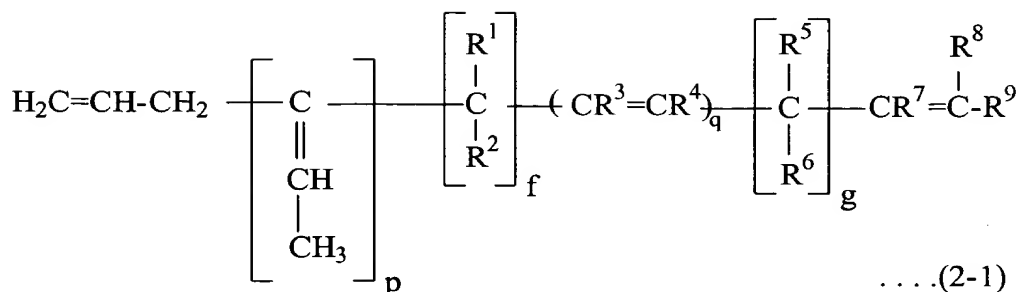
in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>12</sup> represents an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

24. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 18, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



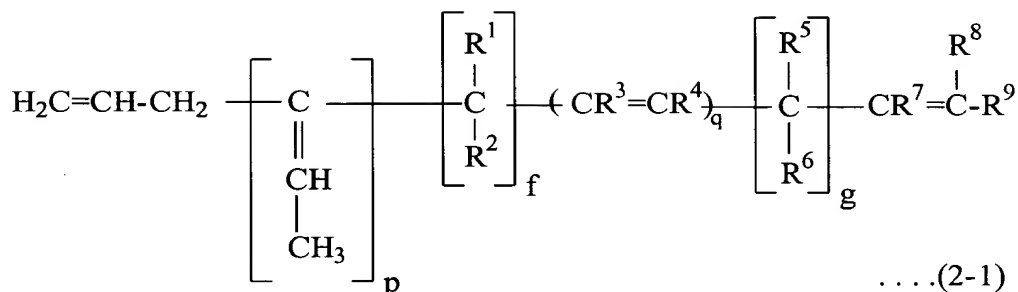
in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

25. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 20, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



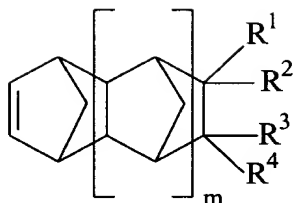
in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>12</sup> represents an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

26. (Previously Presented) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 22, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>12</sup> represents an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

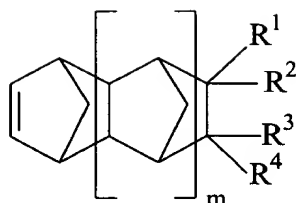
27. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the non-conjugated cyclic polyene (A2) is that represented by the formula (1-1) given below:



.... (1-1)

in which  $m$  is an integer of 0 to 2,  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  denote each, independently of each other, an atom or a residue selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon residues which may have double bond, wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  may be fused together to form a mono- or polycyclic ring which may have double bond or wherein an alkylidene radical may be formed from the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  or, further,  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  may be fused together so as to form a double bond, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  stands for an unsaturated hydrocarbon residue having at least one double bond, in case the mono- or polycyclic ring formed from  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  by being fused together has no double bond, in case the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  does not form an alkylidene radical and in case  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  are not fused together to form an endocyclic double bond.

28. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the non-conjugated cyclic polyene (A2) is that represented by the formula (1-1) given below:



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in which  $m$  is an integer of 0 to 2,  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  denote each, independently of each other, an atom or a residue selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, halogen atoms and hydrocarbon residues which may have double bond, wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  may be fused together to form a mono- or polycyclic ring which may have double bond or wherein an alkylidene radical may be formed from the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  or, further,  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  may be fused together so as to form a double bond, with the proviso that at least one of  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  stands for an unsaturated hydrocarbon residue having at least one double bond, in case the mono- or polycyclic ring formed from  $R^1$  to  $R^4$  by being fused together has no double bond, in case the pair of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  does not form an alkylidene radical and in case  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  or  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  are not fused together to form an endocyclic double bond.

29. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene, wherein the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the

structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 1/99.

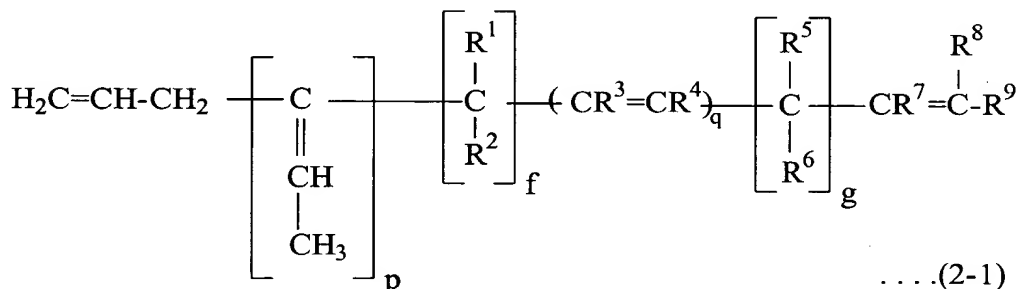
30. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 28, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene, wherein the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 1/99.

31. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene, wherein the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 50/50.

32. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 28, wherein the structural unit(s) originated from one or more  $\alpha$ -olefins (A1) in the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene comprise at least a structural unit originated from ethylene, wherein the mole ratio of (the structural unit originated from ethylene) versus (the

structural unit(s) originated from other  $\alpha$ -olefin(s) having 3 or more carbon atoms) is in the range of from 100/0 to 50/50.

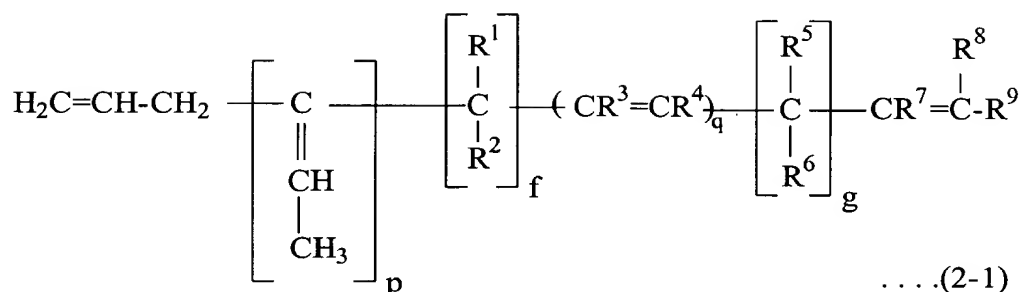
33. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1, to 6,  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms,  $\text{R}^8$  denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5,  $\text{R}^{10}$  and  $\text{R}^{11}$  represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that  $\text{R}^9$  is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

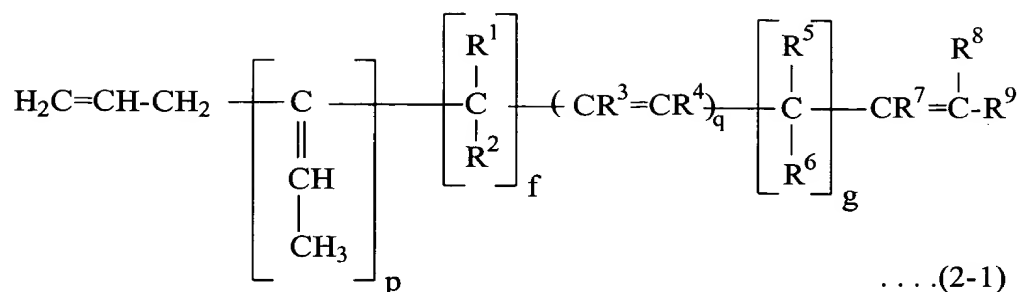
34. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 28, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:





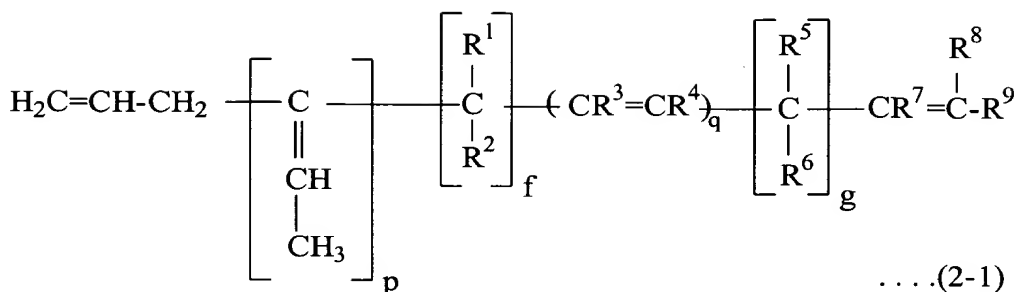
in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>12</sup> represents an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

35. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 30, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>12</sup> represents an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

36. (Previously Presented) The rubber composition as claimed in claim 32, wherein the non-conjugated linear polyene (A3) is represented by the formula (2-1) given below:



in which p and q is zero or 1 with the proviso that p and q are not zero simultaneously, f is an integer of zero to 5 with the proviso that f is not zero when both p and q are 1, g is an integer of 1 to 6, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> denote each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, R<sup>8</sup> denotes an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms or a group represented by  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CR}^{10}=\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})\text{R}^{12}$  in which n is an integer of 1 to 5, R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> represent each, independently of each other, hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms and R<sup>12</sup> represents an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms, with the proviso that R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1-3 carbon atoms when both p and q are 1.

37. (Previously Presented) A rubber material for tires, comprising the random copolymer based on non-conjugated cyclic polyene as claimed in any one of claims 1, 2, 17, 18 or 23.

38. (Previously Presented) A rubber material for tires, comprising the rubber composition as claimed in any one of claims 7, 8, 27, 28 or 33.

39. (Previously Presented) A tire tread produced from the rubber material for tires as claimed in claim 37.

40. (Currently Amended) A tire tread produced ~~from~~ from the rubber material for tires as claimed in claim 38.

41. (Previously Presented) A tire which has a tire tread as claimed in claim 39.

42. (Previously Presented) A tire which has a tire tread as claimed in claim 40.